

Senate Resolution 742

By: Senators Harp of the 29th, Harbison of the 15th and Hooks of the 14th

A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating Columbus State University on the occasion of its 50th anniversary; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Columbus State University started as Columbus College in 1958 at the behest
4 of local community leaders who went to the state and requested an institution of higher
5 learning in Columbus; and

6 WHEREAS, the first classes for the young college were held at the renovated Shannon
7 Hosiery Mill on Talbotton Road with 15 faculty members and nearly 300 students; and

8 WHEREAS, the university moved to its current location in 1963 and now encompasses
9 more than 150 acres; and

10 WHEREAS, in 1965, the Board of Regents approved the university's application to become
11 a four-year institution, master's and special degrees were soon added, and the first four-year
12 class graduated in 1970; and

13 WHEREAS, community support has been vital to the growth of Columbus State University,
14 and that, combined with state funding, has provided modern facilities and state-of-the-art
15 equipment; and

16 WHEREAS, the university now offers 85 programs at the undergraduate and graduate levels,
17 several of which achieved national accreditation, including business, education, nursing, and
18 the arts; and

19 WHEREAS, Columbus State University now serves more than 7,500 students, with most of
20 them from Georgia, but there is a growing number from around the world; and

1 WHEREAS, the university has been a vital ingredient for the growth and vitality of
2 southwest Georgia with an annual economic impact of about \$175 million and more than
3 10,000 alumni living in the area; and

4 WHEREAS, Columbus State University has helped revitalize downtown Columbus by
5 developing a downtown fine and performing arts campus with world class facilities that are
6 attracting national attention.

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
8 congratulate Columbus State University on its 50th anniversary, which will be celebrated
9 throughout 2008, and wish the university continued success.

10 BE FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is hereby authorized and
11 directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Columbus State University.